



OKINAWA, Japan – Pfc. Michael Constantinoff and Cpl. Erik Sherlund push Lance Cpl. Craig Walker as he blindly navigates a “krazy kart” through the Recycle Wars course during the Camp Foster October Fest Oct. 12. Four teams ran the course twice, blindfolded the second time, in celebration of America Recycles Day, which is Nov. 15, to raise money for their birthday balls. The first place team, won \$500 for their ball; second place, \$300; and third place, \$150.

Photo by Cpl. Cindy L. Pray



MCRD SAN DIEGO – Gunnery Sgt. Robert Kielar, Sgt. Jeremy Brown, Lance Cpl. Aaron Rapp, and Sgt. Ruth Walker give Staff Sgt. Sean Schmidlin a hand with a chorus of “Stand By Me.” The performance was part of the Recruit Depot’s Sunset Concert, which was held in front of Pendleton Hall July 18.

Photo by Sgt. L. F. Langston

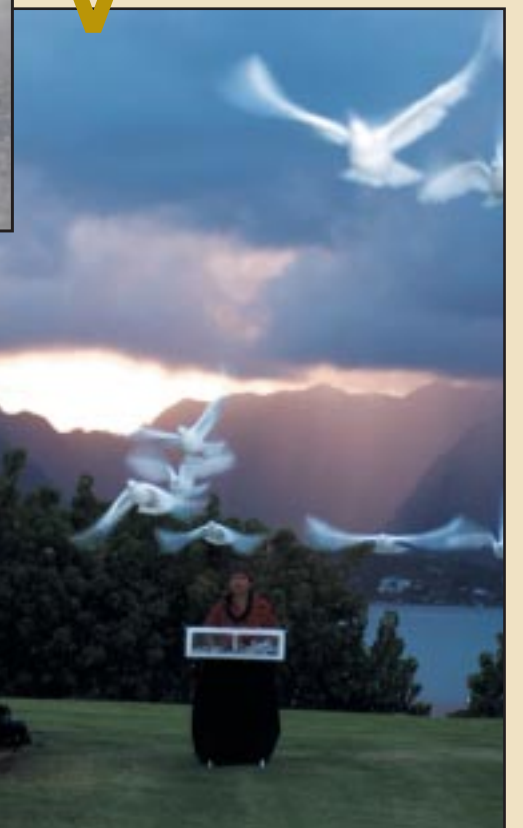
AMITE, La. – Steel resurrected from Ground Zero at the World Trade Center Site was trucked south to Amite Foundry and Machine Inc., in Amite, La., where it was melted and cast in the mold of a bow-stem, the foremost section of the hull on the water line that slices through the water. The bow-stem being created here is for the USS New York Landing Transport Dock (LPD) 21, the fifth of 12 San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ships to be built for the Navy-Marine Corps Team. The USS New York is named in honor of the state, the city and the victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

Photo by Cpl. Ryan J. Skaggs



MCB KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii – White doves were released during a “Day of Remembrance” ceremony Sept. 11, at the Pacific War Memorial aboard the base in honor of all the victims of the World Trade Center bombings.

Photo by Cpl. Jessica M. Mills



CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – Marines from the artillery battery assigned to Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 6th Marines, the ground combat element of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, practice the Monadnock Defensive Tactics System (MDTS) during the Non-Lethal Weapons and Tactics Course. Nearly 400 Marines from throughout the MEU completed two sessions of the two-week course.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Jemssy Alvarez



CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – Five-foot-eight-inch Quinn Cosby gets on her “tippy-toes” to kiss her six-foot boyfriend Sgt. Chris Higgins, after the two reunited here Sept. 13, 2003, following his tour of duty in Iraq. Higgins, a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is a member of 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment. The battalion is the last Camp Pendleton-based infantry combat unit to leave Iraq after approximately eight months overseas.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Bill Lisbon